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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Intelligence on Communist China

1. This is an interim report on the progress made in implementing the actions specified in your memorandum of 4 November to the Deputy Director for Intelligence.

2. With regard to paragraph 1a and 2a of your memorandum, there appear to be four aspects to the problem of "obtaining personnel academically trained in fields applicable to our intelligence interests on China and in the Chinese language." The DD/I is undertaking action as described below in each of these aspects:

a) First, we must learn more about the China-related programs of the academic community. To this end our Office of Personnel has made contact with the U.S. Office of Education which is supplying us with the list of universities where that Office has found programs on China and also the names of individuals who receive fellowships for engaging in Chinese studies. In addition, we are talking to outstanding scholars in the field about the China Centers and programs not only to locate such programs but to get some evaluation of their quality. Mr. Alan Whiting of the State Department and Mr. Alex Eckstein of the University of Michigan are two examples. We are also planning to undertake our own evaluation through visits to the centers by a substantive analyst and a personnel recruiter to talk to the faculty and students.

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b. Second, we must estimate the needs of the Agency and the intelligence community by types and numbers of people. Action is under way to get these requirements from other agencies through General Reynolds' group of China Representatives. An appropriate representative will be named from State, DIA, NSA, Army, Navy, Air Force and the FBI and AEC to work directly with the DD/I Action Officer on this. CIA's own requirements will be developed with each Directorate.

c) Third, means of attracting more young people to China related studies must be devised. The China Intelligence Study Group (CHINTSIL) is discussing this and will look into a number of ideas involving such things as foundation money, government scholarships and stimulation of secondary school programs. Our discussions with the university China centers will, of course, cover this aspect too.

d) Last, we must devise means of attracting the trained student to the Government and to CIA in particular. Here we are talking to CIA's Office of Personnel and Office of Training about a number of ideas involving such things as subsidy of the student at some point in his education, summer jobs for selected undergraduates, use of the Career Trainee Program and in-house training programs.

e) To be of general help in all aspects of the personnel problem CHINTSIL is developing a list of possible China consultants, all experts in the field from outside the Agency, who will be used to advise and counsel us on any number of matters. (Certain security problems arise here and are now being discussed with the Office of Security.) One important purpose in creating such a group would be to gain their goodwill for our recruiting effort.

3. In accordance with paragraph 2b of your memorandum, the following measures have been taken to achieve maximum exploitation of photography for economic/industrial intelligence purposes:

a) Provision has been made for systematic scanning by EPIC/IAD for changes in the operational status of basic economic/industrial facilities.

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b) Arrangements have been made for reporting and indexing of photography indicating major new industrial, railroad, bridge and port construction, indicating additions to existing facilities.

c) Requirements for photographic exploitation to estimate the level of operation of basic industries and key rail yards have been revised and resubmitted to NPIC.

d) OOR has clarified the kind of exploitation to which particular industries are susceptible, and, in collaboration with NPIC, has initiated exploitation in accordance with this potential (e. g., identification of location, operational status, estimates of capacity, estimates of level of production.)

e) A search has been initiated for indications of change in traffic patterns of the strategic railroad from China to North Vietnam.

f) A search is being made of recent and current photography for indications of natural disasters such as floods, droughts and typhoons, and photography on such events will be exploited to determine their economic impact, particularly on agricultural output.

g) Jointly with NPIC and DR/S&T, OOR has initiated an effort to develop techniques which will permit photography to be exploited to estimate the level of agricultural production or crop yield.

4. Action with respect to paragraph 2c of your memorandum (identification and coverage of targets in the economic/industrial complex by high resolution photography) has been undertaken as part of a study initiated at USIB request by an ad hoc group chaired by the Deputy Director for Intelligence. The study requested by USIB includes military as well as economic/industrial targets. The ad hoc group has made a comprehensive survey of existing photographic coverage of these targets, and has prepared a first draft of its report to the Board. The target data for presentation to the Board of its completed report is 20 January 1963.

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5. Attached as Tab A is a statement prepared by OER entitled "Capabilities and Limitations of Overhead Photography for Producing Economic/Industrial Production." The concepts contained in this statement underlie the measures listed in paragraph 3, above, and have also been taken into account by the USIB ad hoc group chaired by the Deputy Director of Intelligence. Tab B lists, for your information, the OER published reports on the economic/industrial base of Communist China for which aerial photography has been a major source.

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Attachment

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